(d) The Master Plan forwarded to Government of Orissa, includes passenger and cargo facilities.

Agreement with global aviation organizations

2004. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether two top global aviation bodies—International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and International Air Transport Association (IATA)—have appealed Government to allow open market access to their airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reactions of Government thereto;

(c) whether Government has signed any agreement to liberalize State-control on airlines industry;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the manner in which Government is going to protect the interest of domestic airlines companies after the implementation of said agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Schedule of private airlines

2005. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prime time and prime sector have been allotted to private airlines; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Time slots for operation of flight and routes to be flown are filed by the airlines on the basis of commercial inputs and operational feasibility.

However, the flight schedules are approved after receipt of slot clearance from the airport operator concerned, who examine the feasibility to handle the flights at that time keeping in view runway capacity, terminal building capacity, availability of parking stands, watch hours, etc.

Upgradation of airports in Madhya Pradesh

†2006. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Madhya Pradesh has submitted any proposal to make the airports at Bhopal, Indore and Khajuraho of international level;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, whether this proposal is still pending and any time frame has been fixed to clear this proposal;

(c) whether the expenditure on this work is likely to be increased due to long delay in approval of the proposal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) The State Government of Madhya Pradesh has provided land to Airports Authority of India (AAI) for developing Bhopal, Indore and Khajuraho airports to international level. In this regard, AAI has taken up various development and upgradation works to provide facilities of international standards at Bhopal, Indore and Khajuraho airports. At Bhopal airport-strengthening and extension of runway upto 2744 m, extension of runway for wide bodied aircraft and construction of new terminal building. At Indore airport-strengthening and extension of runway upto 2750 m, extension of apron to accommodate wide bodied aircraft and construction of new terminal building. At Khajuraho airport-strengthening new Terminal Building and extension of runway upto 2286 m besides extension of apron to accommodate wide bodied aircraft.

Runway at Mumbai airport

2007. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that work on the third runway in Mumbai airport has not yet started;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action Government proposed to take in this regard to complete the third runway as per schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) As per the Master Plan prepared by M/s Mumbai International Airport Pvt. Ltd. for development of CSI Airport, Mumbai, there is no provision for construction of third runway at the airport due to physical and land constraints.

Enquiry against Pilots of IC 884

2008. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pilots of Indian Airlines grounded the aircraft IC 884, due to Midair Scuffle and the authorities have ordered for an enquiry besides ordering the concerned Pilots and the crew derosted;

(b) why the suspension of the concerned was not resorted to pending enquiry when there is a *prima facie* cases; and